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MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY

FINAL EXAMINATION

TRIMESTER 2, 2022 / 2023

ULS1612 – LEGAL SKILLS

(All Sections / Groups)

06 JULY 2023

Reading Time: 9.00a.m. – 9.15a.m.

(15 Minutes)

Answering Time: 9.15a.m. – 12.15p.m

(3 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. Students will have **fifteen minutes** during which they may read the paper and make rough notes **ONLY** in their question paper. Students then have the remaining **THREE HOURS** in which to answer the questions.
2. This Question paper consists of 3 pages with 4 Questions only.
3. Attempt **ONE** question in PART A and all questions in PART B. All questions carry equal marks and the distribution of the marks for each question is given.
4. Students are not allowed to bring in **ANY STATUTE** into the exam venue.
5. Please write all your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.

PART A : CHOOSE ONE QUESTION ONLY**QUESTION 1(a)**

Oren intends to sell his house and placed an advertisement on his Facebook page. The advertisement reads "For sale, double story semi-D house, near MMU. RM569,000 only. Contact me to buy."

On Monday, Rabu, who is actively looking to buy a house near MMU, saw the advertisement and immediately contacted Oren and stated that he wants to buy the house. Rabu also asked if Oren can accept RM560,000 for the house. Oren informed Rabu that he can have it at that price if no one else contacts him later today. Oren also said that he will get back to Rabu on the next day.

On the next day, Rabu called Oren to ask about the status of the house. Oren then informed Rabu that the house had been reserved for Khamis, another keen buyer. Rabu told Oren that he cannot sell the house to someone else as a contract had been made between Rabu and Oren. Rabu also threatened to sue Oren.

Formulate a legal opinion to advise Oren based on the above situation. You may create a fictional address and endorsement in drafting the legal opinion.

(Total: 25 marks)

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QUESTION 1(b)

- I. Discuss the primary goal in legal writing and the fundamental qualities of good legal writing. (15 marks)
- II. Comprehend the passage below and convert the passage to plain English writing.

“Be it hereby known to all parties concerned that pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations governing the subject matter at issue, which is contract law, and in compliance with the orders of our reasonable and noble client, it is deemed necessary and appropriate to hereby announce that a legal action has been undertaken and executed against your client in order to effectuate the objectives and goals of the law and to claim damages, as mandated by the judicial decisions, regulations, directions and statute law governing contract law and other authorities having oversight over such matters.

By this statement, it is hereby declared that we, as counsel for the plaintiff, do hereby issue a call to counsel for the defendant, beseeching them in the most urgent and pressing terms, to forthwith take all necessary and appropriate steps to address and respond to the allegations and claims that have been made against the defendant in these legal proceedings.

We implore counsel for the defendant to engage with us in good faith negotiations, with the utmost sincerity, honesty, and transparency, in order to bring about a resolution to this matter that is just, equitable, and in accordance with the laws and principles of this jurisdiction.

It is our fervent hope that counsel for the defendant will heed our call, and act with the utmost diligence and care in these proceedings, in order to ensure that justice is done and that the interests of our client, the plaintiff, are fully and fairly protected.”

(10 marks)

(Total: 25 marks)

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PART B: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**QUESTION 2**

In the context of civil litigation, pleadings are an important aspect of the legal process. Assess the purpose of pleadings in civil litigation and demonstrate the consequences of incomplete pleadings. Further, present the essential elements in pleading.

(Total: 25 marks)

QUESTION 3

Sham and Sara are a married couple. Sham works overseas and before leaving, they agree in writing that Sham will send Sara a monthly allowance of RM5000 to support her financially until he returns home. Both Sham and Sara signed the agreement. However, after a few months, Sham stops sending the monthly allowance as it turned out that he has remarried another wife. Sara threatens to sue him for breach of contract.

Applying the IRAC problem-solving technique, advise Sara on whether she has a valid claim against Sham.

(Total: 25
marks)

QUESTION 4

Assess the Bullseye legal analysis method and how it can be applied to legal problem-solving. In your answer, illustrate how this method can help lawyers to provide effective legal advice to clients.

(Total: 25 marks)

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